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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

I. INTRODUCTION

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 7, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 20060131) in regard to the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully solicited in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the Application as follows: